

City of Corunna
Regular Council Meeting
Monday, December 16, 2002

Present: Corey, Jessen, Johnson, Mehigh, Sanderson, Wagner.

Absent: Runyan (excused).

Guests: Joe Sawyer, City Manager; Janet Washburn, Parks and Recreation Director; Clark Long; Chief Scott Johnson, Fire Department; Helen Granger, The Independent; Gary Granger; Sgt. Kevin Clark, Police Department; Jackie Leone, The Argus Press; Pam Malaska; Joanne Miller; Bill Striggow; Bob Ockerman; Judy Horton; and other concerned citizens.

The meeting was called to order in the City Council Chambers by Mayor Corey at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS REGULAR MEETING: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 2, 2002 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS SPECIAL MEETING: Mehigh moved, Jessen seconded to approve the special meeting minutes of December 10, 2002 as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

AGENDA APPROVAL: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of Presentation to Bob Ockerman and Item No. 8A) Discussion on Chamber of Commerce.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Mehigh, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

APPROVAL OF VENDOR DISBURSEMENTS: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded to approve the vendor disbursements as presented.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehigh, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bob Ockerman stated he addressed the city's snow shoveling ordinance two months ago, but since he has not seen any changes, he assumed nothing is going to change. He further stated he thought it was a disservice to the residents that the snow is not being removed from the sidewalks. He also stated two months ago, he was told the city did not have the staff or equipment to shovel the sidewalk, but when he was on the council, one full-time and three part-time employees were hired. He read in the paper that the city has purchased equipment and has more money than the city has ever had, but the city cannot enforce its snow removal ordinance.

Paul Smith, representative from the Odyssey of the Mind, presented the city with a check for \$450.00 as the city's portion of the proceeds from the McCurdy's Revenge attractions held in McCurdy Park in October.

PRESENTATION TO BOB OCKERMAN: Mayor Corey presented Bob Ockerman with a plaque in recognition of his service to the city and the Corunna Ambulance Service.

CONSIDER RESIGNATION OF SANDIE YERIAN FROM THE CORUNNA DOWNTOWN

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Johnson moved, Jessen seconded to accept the resignation of Sandie Yerian from the Corunna Downtown Development Authority effective December 6, 2002 with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehigh, Jessen, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BARB SCHOOLEY TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW:

Sanderson moved, Johnson seconded to appoint Barb Schooley to the Board of Review for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2005 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehigh, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MARVIN SCHULTZ TO THE CORUNNA CITY

BUILDING COMMISSION: Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to appoint Marvin Schultz to the Corunna City Building Commission for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2007 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Jessen, Mehigh.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER THE DISCHARGE OF TANYA FORRESTER FROM THE CORUNNA

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Mehigh moved, Sanderson seconded

to discharge Tanya Forrester from the Corunna Downtown Development Authority effective immediately with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Mehig, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MIKE PETERLIN TO THE CORUNNA DOWNTOWN

DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: Johnson moved, Wagner seconded to appoint Mike Peterlin to the Corunna Downtown Development Authority for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2006 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF GERALD KLINGLER TO THE FOREST MANAGEMENT

COMMISSION: Sanderson moved, Johnson seconded to appoint Gerald Klingler to the Forest Management Commission for a term to begin upon the taking of the oath of office and continuing until December 31, 2005 or until a successor is appointed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER THE DISCHARGE OF DAVE BUTCHER FROM THE CORUNNA PARKS &

RECREATION COMMISSION: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to discharge Dave Butcher from the Corunna Parks and Recreation Commission effective immediately with regret.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

CONSIDER TABLING THE RULES OF PROCEDURE REVIEW UNTIL JANUARY 21,

2002: Wagner moved, Sanderson seconded to table review of the Corunna Council Rules of Procedure until January 21, 2003.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner, Mehig, Jessen.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED

DISCUSSION ON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Joe Sawyer advised the Shiawassee

Regional Chamber of Commerce has made changes to its board of directors, which eliminates government and school representation with the exception of the Shiawassee

Regional Educational Service District. The chamber board is very focused on the regional aspect of the chamber and did not want to leave out representatives from other government bodies. He further advised the chamber board wants to put its focus on business memberships. Councilperson Mehig stated he thought it was worse timing for the chamber to do this at this time. Councilperson Sanderson asked if the city would get a refund on its membership fee. Mr. Sawyer advised he was not sure. It was his understanding that Owosso Charter Township and Caledonia Charter Township have done that. Councilperson Johnson stated just because the townships asked for a refund does not mean that the city has to ask for one. Mayor Corey stated the change does not mean that the city is not going to be served by the chamber.

EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER LAND ACQUISITION & LEASE

NEGOTIATIONS: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to leave the regular meeting and go into executive/closed session to consider land acquisition & lease negotiations.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson, Jessen, Mehig.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:25 p.m.

Councilperson Sanderson suggested moving the second Call to the Audience before the closed session. Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to leave the executive/closed session and return to the regular meeting for the purpose of moving the second Call to the Audience before the closed session.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Jessen, Mehig, Wagner, Johnson, Sanderson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:26 p.m.

CALL TO AUDIENCE: Bob Ockerman advised the city has plowed the sidewalks for 60 years and the city should enforce its snow removal ordinance. Mr. Ockerman advised he does a lot of walking around the city and has found that 80 percent of the sidewalks are being shoveled and 20 percent are not being shoveled. He further advised the city has the money, people and equipment, but he did not understand why the sidewalks cannot be cleared.

Bill Striggow asked if the building commission was the same as the building authority. Mr. Sawyer advised yes.

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Yes: Wagner, Jessen, Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 7:29 p.m.

Wagner moved, Johnson seconded to leave the executive/closed session and return to the regular meeting.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Sanderson, Mehig, Johnson, Jessen, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:47 p.m.

No action was taken during the executive/closed session.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: Councilperson Sanderson stated the Small Town Strategies seminar he attended was excellent and very interesting.

Councilperson Wagner stated the city Christmas party was good and the food was great.

ADJOURN: Johnson moved, Sanderson seconded to adjourn.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mehig, Jessen, Johnson, Sanderson, Wagner.

No: None.

Motion CARRIED Time was 8:56 p.m.

STEVE COREY, MAYOR

LINDA M. LeCUREUX, DEPUTY CLERK